

1 Peter Week 6

1 Peter 4

Recap

- Humility and submission in the family
- Humility in the church
- Our response to suffering and persecution
 - No retaliation
 - Fear God, not persecution
 - Defend the faith with gentleness, respect and a good conscience
- Christ's unjust suffering was our salvation
- The flood and baptism

1 Peter 4:1-6

Since therefore Christ suffered in the flesh, arm yourselves with the same way of thinking, for whoever has suffered in the flesh has ceased from sin, ² so as to live for the rest of the time in the flesh no longer for human passions but for the will of God. ³ For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry. ⁴ With respect to this they are surprised when you do not join them in the same flood of debauchery, and they malign you; ⁵ but they will give account to him who is ready to judge the living and the dead. ⁶ For this is why the gospel was preached even to those who are dead, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might live in the spirit the way God does.

1 Peter 4:1-2

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Romans 6:11-13

So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus. 12 Let not sin therefore reign in your mortal body, to make you obey its passions. 13 Do not present your members to sin as instruments for unrighteousness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and your members to God as instruments for righteousness.

1 Peter 4:3

“For the time that is past suffices for doing what the Gentiles want to do, living in sensuality, passions, drunkenness, orgies, drinking parties, and lawless idolatry.”

- Eph 4:17-19
- 1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Ephesians 4:17-19

Now this I say and testify in the Lord, that you must no longer walk as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them, due to their hardness of heart. ¹⁹ They have become callous and have given themselves up to sensuality, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰ But that is not the way you learned Christ!

1 Corinthians 6:9-11

Or do you not know that the unrighteous will not inherit the kingdom of God? Do not be deceived: neither the sexually immoral, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor men who practice homosexuality,¹⁰ nor thieves, nor the greedy, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor swindlers will inherit the kingdom of God.¹¹ And such were some of you. But you were washed, you were sanctified, you were justified in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ and by the Spirit of our God.

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- 2 ways of life

1 Peter 4:4-5

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1 Peter 4:4-5

“The temper and behavior of true Christians seem very strange to ungodly men. That they should despise that which everyone else is fond of, that they should believe many things which to others seem incredible, that they should delight in what is irksome and tedious, be zealous where they have no visible interest to serve, and depend so much upon hope, is what the ungodly cannot comprehend.”

Matthew Henry

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- Psalm 14:1

The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”

They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is none who does good.

- Saving faith is marked by fear of the Lord and holiness

1 Peter 4:6

For this is why the gospel was preached even to ***those who are dead***, that though judged in the flesh the way people are, they might ***live in the spirit*** the way God does.

- Who are the dead?
 - Believers who have passed away
- “Live in the spirit” does not refer to disembodied souls
 - 1 Corinthians 15:42-48

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So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. ⁴³ It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. ⁴⁴ It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ⁴⁵ Thus it is written, “The first man Adam became a living being”; the last Adam became a life-giving spirit.

1 Peter 4:7-11

The end of all things is at hand; therefore be self-controlled and sober-minded for the sake of your prayers. ⁸ Above all, keep loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins. ⁹ Show hospitality to one another without grumbling. ¹⁰ As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace: ¹¹ whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ. To him belong glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

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Matthew 26:40-41

And he came to the disciples and found them sleeping. And he said to Peter, “So, could you not watch with me one hour? ⁴¹ Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.”

1 Peter 4:7

“To cultivate sound judgment and sobriety is a necessary pre-requisite for performing our supreme duty, highest responsibility and greatest privilege, namely, prayer. The discipline of prayer heads the list of our duties to Christ. This is so because prayer is the efficient means by which we desire and accomplish everything in our walk with Christ. Prayer is the enlightening and empowering foundation for fulfilling all that Peter will exhort us to do in verses 8-11. Yet prayer is more than the energizing force enabling us to do the will of God. It is our means of communion with Christ. It is the response of the soul to the saving grace of Christ. By prayer, we devote ourselves to our Redeemer before we launch into service for him.”

Harrell, Let's Study 1 Peter, page 119

1 Peter 4:8-9

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Proverbs 10:12

Hatred stirs up strife,
but love covers all offenses.

1 Peter 4:10-12

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Ephesians 3:10 – “so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places”

1 Peter 4:12-19

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery trial when it comes upon you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. 13 But rejoice insofar as you share Christ's sufferings, that you may also rejoice and be glad when his glory is revealed. 14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you. 15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name. 17 For it is time for judgment to begin at the household of God; and if it begins with us, what will be the outcome for those who do not obey the gospel of God?

1 Peter 4:12-19

18 And

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what will become of the ungodly and the sinner?”

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“Though they be sharp and fiery, yet they are designed only to try, not to ruin them, to try their sincerity, strength, patience, and trust in God”

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Philippians 3:8-11

Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things and count them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but that which comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God that depends on faith— ¹⁰ that I may know him and the power of his resurrection, ***and may share his sufferings,*** becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ that by any means possible I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Sharing Christ's Sufferings

“He does not mean by this that our sufferings have an atoning value, as did those of our Redeemer, still less are our sufferings penal, for the savior has borne the full penalty of our sins for us. What is meant by sharing Christ's sufferings is that through our union with Christ, our sufferings become productive of good, as his sufferings were productive of glory”

Harrell, Let's Study 1 Peter, page 125

1 Peter 4:14

14 If you are insulted for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the Spirit of glory and of God rests upon you.

Matthew 5:10-11 – “Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

1 Peter 4:14

There is nothing quite like walking through the valley of the shadow of death to convince us that our Lord is with us indeed, resting his hand of sustaining power and rewarding provision lovingly upon us

Harrell, Let's Study 1 Peter, page 128

1 Peter 4:15-16

15 But let none of you suffer as a murderer or a thief or an evildoer or as a meddler. 16 Yet if anyone suffers as a Christian, let him not be ashamed, but let him glorify God in that name.

Mark 8:38 – “For whoever is ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of him will the Son of Man also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.”

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